

Town of Westford

Representative Town Government Meeting Study Committee



*Westford 2000
A Peaceable Community*

Date: Tuesday, December 4, 2007

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Millennium, Room 11

Attendees: John Cunningham (Member), Buffie Diercks (Member),
Marianne Fleckner (Alternate Member), George Murray (Chair),
Robert Phillips (Secretary), Bob Price (Member), Valerie Wormell (Ex officio), Ellen
Harde (Moderator and guest), Steve Ledoux (Town Manager and guest)

Discussions with Ellen Harde and Steve Ledoux

The committee conducted consecutive interviews with Ms. Harde and Mr. Ledoux asking their opinions on various issues related to town meetings. Ms. Harde distributed a position paper from the Mass. Moderators Association on Rep. Town Meeting vs City Council forms of government. She agreed to distribute by email other documents of interest.

Articles on Town Meeting Warrants

Wormell distributed a table showing towns similar to Westford, their form of town meeting, and the number of articles on their STM and ATM warrants.

Future Interviews

The committee agreed to reschedule its January meeting to Wednesday January 9th. Dave Murray, the Finance Committee chair is slated to attend. Price distributed a list of names of several town officials recommended by Denise Baker of the MMA: Bernie Lynch, of Lowell; Anita Scheipers, Lincoln; Al Tosti, Arlington; and Donna VanderClock, Weston. Price agreed to invite Lynch for Jan. 9th. For subsequent meetings, Fleckner is to invite Tosti, Cunningham to invite Scheipers and Murray to invite VanderClock.

Minutes

Review of the October 30, 2007 was postponed until the next meeting. Phillips agreed to distribute them by email again.

Next meeting

Wednesday, January 9, 2008, 7 to 9 PM, Millennium Room 4.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:05.

Respectfully Submitted by: R. Phillips (draft – December 6, 2007, approved January 9, 2008)